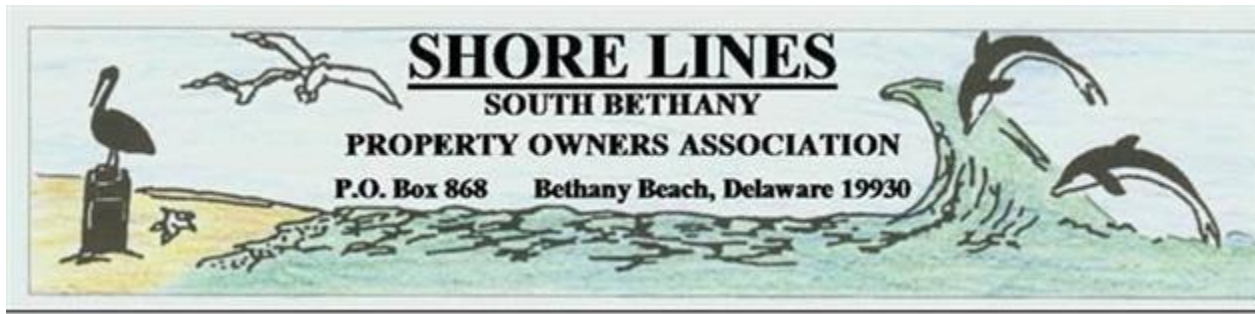


## FALL 2012



### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT – LINDA LEWIS

Fall is here and our Neighborhood Watch program has kicked off. In October we had our last general meeting of the year and our 2013 budget was approved. We've included a copy below.

We have several key activities that need your attention:

\* As part of the budget discussion, the 2013-2015 SBPOA Directory was approved and we will need a volunteer to lead and coordinate this effort. See the "Volunteers Needed" article below for a full job description. If you would like to volunteer to lead or to help, please give me a call at 302-475-1506.

\* The process for coming to the Bull Roast has changed. This is very important. Please read the article below. We continue to grow attendance by about 10 to 15% each year and need to make these changes to make sure that we have enough food for all.

\* Next June will be here before we know it! And with June and the Bull Roast, we have SBPOA Officer elections. We will have 3 Offices open this year and will also need someone to lead the Nominating Committee (see the article below).

Hope everyone has a great fall and winter. Our next newsletter will be our Membership Drive letter and you should receive it in early April. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please give me call or drop a note.

Linda Lewis, President [Linda.e.lewis@gmail.com](mailto:Linda.e.lewis@gmail.com)

302-475-1506 Visit our website: <http://spboa.sharepoint.com>

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

NOTE: You do not have to live in South Bethany full-time to volunteer for any of these positions.

## **OFFICER OPENINGS /NOMINATING COMMITTEE LEAD**

This year three Officer positions are due for re-election in June. They are:

President (Linda Lewis will not be running),

2nd VP (Dan has served 2 terms),

Treasurer (Linda Paul is considering running again).

We will definitely need a Nominating Committee Lead to solicit and identify candidates. If you are interested in running for one of these positions or interested in leading the Nominating Committee, please call Linda Lewis at 302-475-1506.

## **DIRECTORY LEAD/COORDINATOR**

At our Oct 6 meeting, the membership agreed to fund and support a 2013-2015 SBPOA Directory. We need a Lead/Coordinator for this effort. This position is responsible and accountable for the following:

- Obtaining any volunteer support needed to produce the Directory
- Ensuring that printing costs and any other related costs to produce the Directory do not exceed \$5,000. The only costs that will be approved for payment are: pre-approved printing costs (approved by Executive Committee), appropriate mileage at federal approved rate with approved documentation including date of travel, to and from location – mileage costs are included in the \$5,000 budget
- Obtaining at least \$13,000 in ad revenue
- Ensuring that all phone numbers published have the property owners' permission to publish
- Managing the data entry for all SB property owners names, SB address and approved phone numbers or blank if no approval received
- Working with the membership committee to design appropriate permission form for all residents.
- The Directory listings will be by last name as well as by street. All property owners will be listed with SB addresses only. Phone numbers for members

and non-members will only be printed with owner's permission. The traditional time line for publication is May 30th but other dates can be considered.

The Directory is a membership benefit and will be distributed to Members Only. We will need a volunteer no later than January 1 so that the Directory information can be sought during the Membership drive. If interested in leading this effort, please call Linda Lewis at 302-475-1506.

## **IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE BULL ROAST**

Our 2012 Bull Roast will be held on June 1, 2013 at the Town Hall. At the October 6th general meeting, the membership present passed the following proposal:

Since the SBPOA Annual Bull Roast is a community event for those households that belong to the SBPOA and the SBPOA provides 2 FREE tickets per member household, these tickets are intended to be used by the SBPOA members. If the second member is unable to attend (or there is no second member), the second ticket can be used for one member's guest as long as the member is attending.

Last year we had over 250 people attend. We need to have an accurate count of attendees to continue to provide enough food; therefore, we will **REQUIRE RESERVATIONS BY MAY 1, 2013. PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:**

- \* Reservations must be made to attend the Bull Roast.
- \* Reservation requests will accompany the membership form mailed in early April.
- \* Reservations will be accepted up to May 1, 2013.
- \* Reservations can only be made If 2012/2013 \$20 membership dues are paid.
- \* Reservations will be accepted in the order they are received.
- \* Our current budget is intended to handle up to 270 members. If we receive more than 270 reservations, an emergency general meeting will be convened to approve the required additional funds. If approval is not provided, those reservations above 270 will be turned down.

\* Memberships will not be accepted or processed at the Bull Roast.

## **SOUTH BETHANY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The South Bethany Historical is working to help the residents know more about the history of our Town. In an effort to make some of this information available to the public we recently developed an Internet Home Page on the SBPOA Website. You can visit it from the SBPOA Website by clicking on “SB Historical Society” located on the left margin of the site. Or you can access it by clicking:  
<http://sbpoa.sharepoint.com/Pages/SBHistoricalSociety.aspx>

We invite all community members to check out our Home Page and to join us in our efforts to promote and preserve our history. New members are always welcome to join SBHS. SBHS relies on donations and membership fees of \$15 annually to fund its preservation activities. For additional information you can contact Mary Suazo at [msuazz@msn.com](mailto:msuazz@msn.com).

## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH -- DAN COWELL, 2ND VP**

The Neighborhood Watch Walkers have started walking their assigned routes and will continue throughout the winter months. If you have any questions regarding who is assigned to your street or you wish to volunteer for the Neighborhood Watch, please contact Dan Cowell at 302-537-0769.

Our South Bethany Police Department Neighborhood Watch liaison, PFC Patrick Wiley, notes that there were two burglaries and two attempted break-ins/burglaries in South Bethany during winter, 2011. Please find important Crime Prevention Tips in the most recent South Bethany Zephyr Newsletter or on the South Bethany Town website. Their website, [www.southbethany.org](http://www.southbethany.org) also includes monthly Police activity in the Town. Call the South Bethany police at 302-539-3996 or 911 when you see suspicious activity.

The articles below were not included in the printed newsletter due to space restrictions but we thought they were worth sharing with all South Bethany homeowners.

## **Adopt- A-Canal/Road-End Program – “2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Adopt Beauty Contest”**

The South Bethany’s Community Enhancement Committee, chaired by Councilwoman Sue Callaway, is pleased to report that the Adopt-A-Canal/Road-End program has grown from 6 to 13 adopted gardens and recently sponsored its 2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “**Beauty Contest**.” From August 17<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>, South Bethany residents were invited to visit each adopted canal/road end garden, select their top 5 favorites and cast their votes. This year, residents also had the opportunity to view photographs of each adopted canal end and vote online via the town’s website, [www.southbethany.org](http://www.southbethany.org). We thank all residents who demonstrated their support for the program by voting in the contest – the Committee received nearly 100 votes! Thanks also to Adopt Committee members Sharon Nonn, Carol Stevenson and Bobbe Stephans and Town Administrator Pam Smith and Town Clerk Dee Burbage for their help with the contest and the logistics involved!

The **2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Adopt Beauty Contest Winner** was the Canal End located between Sussex and Tern off Route 1 and adopted by Bryon and Olivia Elrod! Congratulations to the Elrods who have developed a beautiful and creative canal end. Many thanks also to Lord’s Landscaping for contributing a \$100 gift certificate to the winner!



From right to left: South Bethany Mayor Kathy Jankowski, Contest winners Bryant

and Olivia Elrod, Mike Lord, Lord's Landscaping and Councilwoman Sue Callaway, Chair of the CEC



The 2012 Winning Canal End

2nd Place - First canal end on Bayshore Drive on right - adopted by Carol and Todd Stevenson, Sue and Robbie Callaway and Dick and Maryanne Schmidt

3rd Place - Route 1 canal end between Petherton and Brandywine - adopted by Pat Voveris

4th Place - Canal end on Canal Road between W. 4th and W. 5th Street adopted by Lynn and Jerry Masiello and Lois and Andrew Golian and a host of neighbors!

5th Place - Canal end on Canal Road between W. 3rd and W. 4th Street adopted by Kathy Jankowski and Rob Youngs and a host of neighbors!

To see photos of all 13 adopted canal/road end gardens and learn more about the generous volunteer efforts please read the *September 2012 Adopt Program Update* on the CEC section of [southbethany.org](http://southbethany.org)

The Adopt Program also has several new canal/road end adoptions pending for spring planting! If you are interested in more information about the Adopt Program please visit the home page of [www.southbethany.org](http://www.southbethany.org) and click on the Community Enhancement Committee on the left column.

## **PROTECTING YOUR HOME AND OTHER CRIME PREVENTION TIPS**

- Locks – if old replace, use deadbolts.
- Doors – make sure sturdy, if old replace.
- Secure sliders – use broom stick in track or buy special lock.
- Windows – make sure they are locked, if old/broken insert a peg or nail.
- Shrubs – keep trimmed, away from windows and entry ways.
- Lighting – timed or motion detection lighting on outside.
- Do not let strangers into your home.
- Consider installing a burglar alarm system.
- Secure outside valuables – bicycles, canoes, small boats.
- Lock your cars – secure valuables. Do not leave computers, cameras, guns, GPS, money, purses in car.
- Home should look occupied (timed lighting, use call forwarding when away).
- Do not give the criminal the tools he needs to break into your home (ladders, hammers, pry bars).
- Avoid sitting electronics or other valuables in places visible from outside – use drapes if possible.
- Do not give out personal information over the telephone (SS#, credit card #, bank account #, living alone, time of day when home will be unoccupied. If you did not initiate the call, end it quickly without giving out personal information).

- Door to door solicitation – Call the Town Office to ascertain if they are licensed. Do not pay for work up front, get a contract, or even avoid entirely (engage own contractor).
- Engraver – mark your valuables (should property be stolen, will help identify). An engraver can be borrowed from the South Bethany Police Department. Contact the South Bethany Police Department at 539-3996 for information about the Property Identification Program.
- Call the police when you see suspicious activity. If you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call 911 immediately.



## SBPOA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2013 Budget		South Bethany POA Budget Comparison FY 2012			
		<u>As of Sept 28, 2012</u>			
		<u>Fund Balance: \$24,630.90</u>			
INCOME		INCOME	<u>2012 Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>
Member ship	\$16,000	Member ship	\$17,000.00	\$16,460.00	- \$540.00
Director y	\$ 13,000	Director y	N/A	N/A	N/A
Misc. Other	\$ 300	Interest	0	0	0
		Bull Roast Tickets	\$400.00 \$260.00 -\$140.00	\$260.00	- \$140.00
		SB Apparel	\$500.00	\$1,133.95	\$633.95
		Other Income & Receipts		\$355.25	\$355.25
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 29,300</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$17,900.00	\$18,209.20	\$309.20
EXPENSES		EXPENSES			
Bull Roast	\$ 6,200				
V. Lunch	\$ 1,500	V. Dinner	\$3,000.00	\$2,517.30	\$482.70
V. Lunch	\$ 1,500	V. Lunch	\$1,500.00	0	
		Water Quality	\$500.00	\$500.00	0
		Beautification	\$500.00	\$500.00	0

		CIB	0	0	0
		SB Apparel	0	\$36.50	- \$36.50
N. Watch	\$ 300	N. Watch	\$400.00	\$258.75	\$141.25
Lawyer: registered agent fee	\$ 150				
Accountant	\$ 1,000	Accountant	\$2,100.00	\$1,150.00	\$950.00
Newsletter	\$ 2,500	Newsletter	\$2,500.00	\$1,852.84	\$647.16
web site	\$ 75	Web site	\$25.00	\$72.00	- \$47.00
po box	\$ 90	Po box	\$60.00	0	\$60.00
Insurance	\$ 2,500	Insurance	\$2,200.00	\$2,282.00	- \$82.00
Misc	\$ 150	Misc	\$1,500.00	\$442.29	\$1,057.71
Donations: fire co	\$ 500	Fire Dept	\$500.00	\$500.00	0
directory	\$ 5,000	Directory	0	0	0
Donations: SB Historical society	\$ 1,000	Historical Society	0	0	0
taxes: franchise tax	\$ 50				
taxes: income tax	\$ -	Taxes	\$1,900.00	\$149.00	\$1,751.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 22,515</b>		<b>\$23,415.00</b>	<b>\$15,989.40</b>	<b>\$7,425.60</b>